

with such theories, the entire royal family, king, queen, and prince, were just exactly what was needed. They were as simple and unpretentious as they were good and charming. Olaf was a dear little boy, and the people at large were immensely pleased with him. The King was a trump, privately and publicly; he took a keen and intelligent interest in every question affecting his people, treated them and was treated by them with a curiously simple democracy of attitude which was free from make-believe on either side, and therefore free from the offensive and unpleasant characteristics that were evident in, for instance, the relations of Louis Philippe and the Parisian populace, and while he unhesitatingly and openly discussed questions with his ministers, never in the slightest way sought to interfere with or hamper their free action.

In such a monarchy formal state and ceremonial at the court would have been absurd. Staying at the palace was like staying at any gentleman's house with exceptionally charming and friendly hosts. On the first afternoon, shortly after arriving, I was in the sitting room, when in came the King and Queen with Olaf. Mrs. Eoosevelt was in her room, dressing. I gave Olaf various bits of blood-curdling information about lions and elephants; and after a while his mother and father rose, and said: "Come, Olaf, we must go." Olaf's face fell. "But am I not to see the wife?" he said. We assured him he should see the wife at tea. He was not a bit spoiled; his delight was a romp with

his father, and he speedily pressed Kermit and
Ethel, whom
he adored, into the games. In the end I too
succumbed and
romped with him as I used to romp with my
own children
when they were small. Outside of his own
father and
mother we were apparently the only persons
who had ever
really played with him in a fashion which he
considered
adequate; and he loudly bewailed our
departure.

When we reached London, where he had
been brought by
his father and mother to attend his
grandfather's funeral,
Princess Beatrice brightened up for a
moment as she told
me that Olaf had announced to her: "I would
like to marry